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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. (original): A digital camera comprising:

an input unit for inputting image data;

a first storing unit for storing the image data in a nonvolatile recording medium in a predetermined file format;

a display unit for displaying the image data stored in the nonvolatile recording medium;

a dedicated interface unit for accepting input or edit of a preset data regarding the image data by one operation when the image data stored in the nonvolatile recording medium is displayed on the display unit; and

a second storing unit for storing the preset data with the image data in the nonvolatile recording medium in a predetermined file format.
2. (original): The digital camera according to claim 1, wherein the preset data is data for setting number of printing the image data displayed on the display unit.
3. (original): The digital still camera according to claim 2, wherein the dedicated interface unit increments the number of printing the image data displayed on the display unit for every operation.

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4. (currently amended): The digital camera according to claim 1, wherein the dedicated interface unit ~~includes~~ comprises a push button switch.
5. (currently amended): The digital camera according to claim 4, wherein the push button switch is provided on the left ~~with respect to~~ from the display unit.
6. (original): The digital camera according to claim 1 further comprising a memory unit for storing a copy of the preset data stored in the nonvolatile recording medium at least during a period for which said dedicated interface unit can accept the input or edit of the preset data.
7. (new): The digital camera according to claim 6, wherein the memory unit comprises a memory device for storing the copy of the preset data and a CPU for controlling storing and deleting of the copy of the preset data into the memory device.
8. (new): The digital camera according to claim 7, wherein the memory device temporarily stores the image data and respective reduced image data generated by the CPU, and wherein the preset data relates to the image data and the respective reduced image data.
9. (new): The digital camera according to claim 4, wherein for accepting input or edit of the preset data, the dedicated interface consists of the push button switch.

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10. (new): The digital camera according to claim 1, wherein the dedicated interface unit is operable to accept the input or edit of the preset data in any mode of the digital camera when the image data is displayed.

11. (new): The digital camera according to claim 10, wherein said any mode comprises at least one of: a play mode and a photographing mode.

12. (new): The digital camera according to claim 1, wherein the input or edit of the preset data is performed with a single operation, the single operation comprising one of: pushing a push button or rotating a dial, and wherein the dedicated interface comprises of the button or the dial.

13. (new): The digital camera according to claim 1, wherein the dedicated interface unit accepts the input or the edit of the preset data without switching the digital camera to a input or an edit mode.

14. (new): A digital camera comprising:
an input unit for inputting image data;
a first storing unit for storing the inputted image data in a nonvolatile recording medium in a predetermined file format;
a display unit for displaying the image data stored in the nonvolatile recording medium;
and

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a dedicated interface unit comprising a dial or a button for accepting input or edit of a preset data relating to the image data,

wherein a user edits or inputs the preset data by a single rotation of the dial or a single push of the button without changing or disrupting the displayed image data.

15. (new): The digital camera according to claim 14, further comprising: a second storing unit for storing the preset data with the image data in the nonvolatile recording medium in a predetermined file format, wherein when the user executes the single rotation or the single push, the present data for printing, transmitting, or reproducing is automatically stored.

16. (new): The digital camera according to claim 14, further comprising: a second storing unit for storing the preset data with the image data in the nonvolatile recording medium in a predetermined file format, wherein when the user executes the single rotation or the single push, the digital camera automatically executes the following steps:

checks whether the image data with its respective preset data in the predetermined format is present in the memory unit,

checks whether the image data has a unique identification number, and

sets a number of prints to one or increments the number of prints of the image data by one.